

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Michelle A. Smith, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: June 29, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. (EDT); July 9, 2001.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the June 11, 2001, Board member meeting.

2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: June 28, 2001.

Elizabeth S. Woodruff,

Secretary to the Board, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Proposed Updated Qualified Trust Model Certificates and Model Trust Documents

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public and executive branch agencies that, after this first round notice and comment period, OGE plans to submit updated executive branch qualified trust model certificates and model trust documents to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and three-year extension of approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. In all, a total of twelve OGE model certificates and model documents for qualified trusts are involved. The notice also identifies a minor revision proposed to these documents.

DATES: Comments by the public and agencies on this information collection as proposed for revision and extension are invited and should be received by September 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Any comments should be sent to: James V. Parle, Chief, Office of Information Resources Management, Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917. Comments may also be sent electronically to OGE's Internet E-mail address at usoge@oge.gov (for E-mail messages, the subject line should include the following reference—"Qualified trust model certificates and model trust documents paperwork comment").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Parle at the Office of Government Ethics; telephone: 202-208-8000, ext. 1113; TDD: 202-208-8025; FAX: 202-208-8037. A copy of all of the updated model trust documents and certificates may be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Parle.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Government Ethics is the supervising ethics office for the executive branch of the Federal Government under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (Ethics Act). Presidential nominees to executive branch positions subject to Senate confirmation and any other executive branch officials may seek OGE approval for Ethics Act qualified blind or diversified trusts to be used to avoid conflicts of interest.

The Office of Government Ethics is the sponsoring agency for the model certificates and model trust documents

for qualified blind and diversified trusts of executive branch officials set up under section 102(f) of the Ethics Act, 5 U.S.C. app. § 102(f), and OGE's implementing financial disclosure regulations at subpart D of 5 CFR part 2634. The various model certificates and model trust documents are utilized by OGE and settlors, trustees and other fiduciaries in establishing and administering these qualified trusts.

This notice describes a minor proposed change to the qualified trust model documents. The proposed updating change is a minor improvement that will enhance privacy with respect to trust instruments once executed. The Office of Government Ethics proposes to substitute the words "mailing address" for the words "home address" where they appear within the model trust documents. No change is needed for the model certificates of independence and compliance as codified at appendices A-C to 5 CFR part 2634.

The Office of Government Ethics is planning to submit, after this first round notice and comment period, updated versions of all twelve qualified trust certificates and model documents described below (all of which are included under OMB paperwork control number 3209-0007) for a three-year extension of approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). At that time, OGE will publish a second paperwork notice in the **Federal Register** to inform the public and the agencies. The current paperwork approval for the model certificates and model trust documents is scheduled to expire at the end of October 2001.

There are two categories of information collection requirements which OGE plans to submit, each with its own related reporting model certificates or model trust documents which are subject to paperwork review and approval by OMB. The OGE regulatory citations for these two categories, together with identification of the forms used for their implementation, are as follows:

i. Qualified trust certifications—5 CFR 2634.401(d)(2), 2634.403(b)(11), 2634.404(c)(11), 2634.406(a)(3) & (b), 2634.408, 2634.409 and appendices A & B to part 2634 (the two implementing forms, the Certificate of Independence and Certificate of Compliance, are codified respectively in the cited appendices; see also the Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act notices thereto in appendix C); and

ii. Qualified trust communications and model provisions and agreements—5 CFR 2634.401(c)(1)(i) & (d)(2),

2634.403(b), 2634.404(c), 2634.408 and 2634.409 (the nine implementing forms are the: (A) Blind Trust Communications (Expedited Procedure for Securing Approval of Proposed Communications); (B) Model Qualified Blind Trust Provisions; (C) Model Qualified Diversified Trust Provisions; (D) Model Qualified Blind Trust Provisions (For Use in the Case of Multiple Fiduciaries); (E) Model Qualified Blind Trust Provisions (For Use in the Case of an Irrevocable Pre-Existing Trust); (F) Model Qualified Diversified Trust Provisions (Hybrid Version); (G) Model Qualified Diversified Trust Provisions (For Use in the Case of Multiple Fiduciaries); (H) Model Qualified Diversified Trust Provisions (For Use in the Case of an Irrevocable Pre-Existing Trust); (I) Model Confidentiality Agreement Provisions (For Use in the Case of a Privately Owned Business); and (J) Model Confidentiality Agreement Provisions (For Use in the Case of Investment Management Activities)).

The various model trust certificates and model trust documents as proposed to be modified are available without charge to the public upon request as indicated in the "For Further Information Contact" section above.

The communications formats and the confidentiality agreements (items ii (A), (I) and (J) above) would not be available to the public because they contain sensitive, confidential information. All the other completed model trust certificates and model trust documents (except for any trust provisions that relate to the testamentary disposition of trust assets) are publicly available based upon a proper Ethics Act request (by filling out an OGE Form 201 access form).

The total annual public reporting burden represents the time involved for completing qualified trust certificates and model trust documents which are processed by OGE. The burden is based on the amount of time imposed on private citizens. Virtually all filers/document users are private trust administrators and other private representatives who help to set up and maintain the qualified blind and diversified trusts. The detailed paperwork estimates below for the various trust certificates and model trust documents, which remain the same as for the last paperwork clearance three years ago, are based primarily on OGE's experience with administration of the qualified trust program.

i. Trust Certificates:

A. Certificate of Independence: Total filers (executive branch): 10; Private citizen filers (100%): 10; OGE-processed

certificates (private citizens): 10; OGE burden hours (20 minutes/certificate): 3.

B. Certificate of Compliance: Total filers (executive branch): 35; Private citizen filers (100%): 35; OGE-processed certificates (private citizens): 35; OGE burden hours (20 minutes/certificate): 12; and

ii. Model Qualified Trust Documents:

A. Blind Trust Communications: Total Users (executive branch): 35; Private citizen users (100%): 35; OGE-processed documents (private citizens): 210 (based on an average of six communications per user, per year); OGE burden hours (20 minutes/communication): 70.

B. Model Qualified Blind Trust: Total Users (executive branch): 10; Private citizen users (100%): 10; OGE-processed models (private citizens): 10; OGE burden hours (100 hours/model): 1,000.

C. Model Qualified Diversified Trust: Total users (executive branch): 15; Private citizen users (100%): 15; OGE-processed models (private citizens): 15; OGE burden hours (100 hours/model): 1,500.

D.-H. Each of the five remaining model qualified trust documents: Total users (executive branch): 2; Private citizen users (100%): 2; OGE-processed models (private citizens): 2, multiplied by 5 (five different models) = 10; OGE burden hours (100 hours/model): 200, multiplied by 5 (five different models) = 1,000.

I.-J. Each of the two model confidentiality agreements: Total users (executive branch): 2; Private citizens users (100%): 2; OGE-processed agreements (private citizens): 2, multiplied by 2 (two different models) = 4; OGE burden hours (50 hours/agreement): 100, multiplied by 2 (two different models) = 200.

Based on these estimates, the total number of forms expected annually at OGE is 294 with a cumulative total of 3,785 burden hours.

Public comment is invited on each aspect of the model qualified trust certificates and model trust documents, and underlying regulatory provisions, as set forth in this notice, including specifically views on the need for and practical utility of this set of collections of information, the accuracy of OGE's burden estimate, the potential for enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information collected, and the minimization of burden (including the use of information technology).

Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized for, and may be included with, the OGE request for extension of the OMB paperwork approval for the set of the various existing qualified trust model certificates, the model communications

package, and the model trust documents as updated. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: June 25, 2001.

Amy L. Comstock,

Director, Office of Government Ethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE).

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation's (ASPE) Office of Human Services Policy announces its intention to award a non-competitive continuation to a cooperative agreement with the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) in support of the Project on Devolution and Urban Change.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to support research to understand the impacts of welfare reform and welfare to work programs on low-income individuals, families, and the communities in which they live, with an emphasis on urban areas.

ASPE will have substantial involvement in all stages of the project, including: identifying potential questions that could be answered using the data; prioritizing among them based on the available resources; determining appropriate methods of data analysis; reviewing draft papers and reports; and assisting in their dissemination.

The goal of ASPE in entering into this cooperative agreement is to improve our understanding of the impact of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 in high-poverty urban areas.

Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1310) and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001 (P.L. 106-387).

Background

Assistance will be provided to MDRC. No other applications are solicited. ASPE is committed to supporting high-quality research in the area of welfare